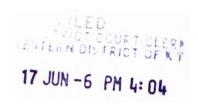
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY AT BOWLING GREEN



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

INFORMATION

VS.

NO. 1:17-cr-00019-GNS

18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C)

18 U.S.C. § 1343

21 U.S.C. § 853

26 U.S.C. § 7206(2)

28 U.S.C. § 2461

STEPHEN C. JONES

The United States Attorney Charges:

COUNT 1
(Wire Fraud)

On or about and between January 2010 and August 2015, in the Western District of Kentucky, Monroe County and Allen County, Kentucky, the defendant, **STEPHEN C. JONES**, devised and intended to devise a scheme to defraud the company he worked for and to obtain property belonging to the company, by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses and promises, knowing that such pretenses and promises were false when made, and for the purpose of executing said scheme, did knowingly transmit and cause to be transmitted by means of wire, radio, and television communications in interstate commerce, writings, signs, signals, pictures, and sounds.

As part of this scheme and artifice to defraud, **STEPHEN C. JONES** exceeded his authority by diverting money from the company's bank account to his bank account. At times, **STEPHEN C. JONES** transferred money to his account in amounts similar to direct deposits of

his salary, though he had already been paid. **STEPHEN C. JONES** also transferred money to his account in amounts of payments due on duplicate invoices received from vendors.

On or about July 3, 2015, in the Western District of Kentucky and elsewhere, for the purpose of executing and attempting to execute the above-described scheme and artifice to defraud, **STEPHEN C. JONES** did knowingly transmit and cause to be transmitted, by means of wire in interstate commerce, writings, signs, signals, pictures, or sounds, specifically, a bank transfer in the amount of \$4,924.21 from the company's bank account to **STEPHEN C. JONES**' personal account, which caused a wire transmission to travel from the Western District of Kentucky to outside the state of Kentucky.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

The United States Attorney further charges:

COUNT 2

(Presentation of False Return)

On or about October 17, 2011, in Allen County, Kentucky, in the Western District of Kentucky, and elsewhere, the defendant, **STEPHEN C. JONES**, a resident of Scottsville, Kentucky, did willfully aid and assist in, and procure, counsel, and advise the preparation and presentation to the Internal Revenue Service, of the jointly-filed U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, Form 1040 of **STEPHEN C. JONES** and S.D.J. for the calendar year 2010. The return was false and fraudulent as to a material matter, in that it did not include approximately \$64,288 of reportable income, which the defendant knew was income that should have been reported.

In violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(2).

The United States Attorney further charges:

COUNT 3

(Presentation of False Return)

On or about October 15, 2012, in Allen County, Kentucky, in the Western District of Kentucky, and elsewhere, the defendant, **STEPHEN C. JONES**, a resident of Scottsville, Kentucky, did willfully aid and assist in, and procure, counsel, and advise the preparation and presentation to the Internal Revenue Service, of a jointly-filed U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, Form 1040 of **STEPHEN C. JONES** and S.D.J. for the calendar year 2011. The return was false and fraudulent as to a material matter, in that it did not include approximately \$98,065 of reportable income, which the defendant knew was income that should have been reported.

In violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(2).

The United States Attorney further charges:

COUNT 4

(Presentation of False Return)

On or about October 13, 2013, in Allen County, Kentucky, in the Western District of Kentucky, and elsewhere, the defendant, **STEPHEN C. JONES**, a resident of Scottsville, Kentucky, did willfully aid and assist in, and procure, counsel, and advise the preparation and presentation to the Internal Revenue Service, of the jointly-filed U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, Form 1040 of **STEPHEN C. JONES** and S.D.J. for the calendar year 2012. The return was false and fraudulent as to a material matter, in that it did not include approximately \$127,504 of reportable income, which the defendant knew was income that should have been reported.

In violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(2).

The United States Attorney further charges:

COUNT 5

(Presentation of False Return)

On or about August 14, 2015, in Allen County, Kentucky, in the Western District of Kentucky, and elsewhere, the defendant, **STEPHEN C. JONES**, a resident of Scottsville, Kentucky, did willfully aid and assist in, and procure, counsel, and advise the preparation and presentation to the Internal Revenue Service, of the jointly-filed U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, Form 1040 of **STEPHEN C. JONES** and S.D.J. for the calendar year 2013. The return was false and fraudulent as to a material matter, in that it did not include approximately \$147,673 of reportable income, which the defendant knew was income that should have been reported.

In violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(2).

The United States Attorney further charges:

COUNT 6

(Presentation of False Return)

On or about October 15, 2015, in Allen County, Kentucky, in the Western District of Kentucky, and elsewhere, the defendant, **STEPHEN C. JONES**, a resident of Scottsville, Kentucky, did willfully aid and assist in, and procure, counsel, and advise the preparation and presentation to the Internal Revenue Service, of the jointly-filed U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, Form 1040 of **STEPHEN C. JONES** and S.D.J. for the calendar year 2014. The return was false and fraudulent as to a material matter, in that it did not include approximately \$194,161 of reportable income, which the defendant knew was income that should have been reported.

In violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(2).

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

As a result of committing a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343, as alleged in this Information, the defendant shall forfeit to the United States any and all property, real and personal, that constitutes or is derived, directly and indirectly, from proceeds obtained as

a result of this offense.

Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C), Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461.

JOHN E. KUHN, JR.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

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PENALTIES

Count 1: NM 20 yrs./\$250,000/both/NM 3 yrs. Supervised Release Counts 2-6: NM 3 yrs./\$100,000/both/NM 1 yr. Supervised Release Forfeiture Notice

NOTICE

ANY PERSON CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE AGAINST THE UNITED STATES SHALL BE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, FINES, RESTITUTION & COSTS.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

18 U.S.C. § 3013 requires that a special assessment shall be imposed for each count of a conviction of offenses committed after November 11, 1984, as follows:

Misdemeanor:

\$ 25 per count/individual

Felony:

\$100 per count/individual

\$125 per count/other

\$400 per count/other

FINES

In addition to any of the above assessments, you may also be sentenced to pay a fine. Such fine is due <u>immediately</u> unless the court issues an order requiring payment by a date certain or sets out an installment schedule. You shall provide the United States Attorney's Office with a current mailing address for the entire period that any part of the fine remains unpaid, or you may be held in contempt of court. 18 U.S.C. § 3571, 3572, 3611, 3612

Failure to pay fine as ordered may subject you to the following:

1. INTEREST and PENALTIES as applicable by law according to last date of offense.

For offenses occurring after December 12, 1987:

No INTEREST will accrue on fines under \$2,500.00.

INTEREST will accrue according to the Federal Civil Post-Judgment Interest Rate in effect at the time of sentencing. This rate changes monthly. Interest accrues from the first business day following the two week period after the date a fine is imposed.

PENALTIES of:

10% of fine balance if payment more than 30 days late.

15% of fine balance if payment more than 90 days late.

- 2. Recordation of a LIEN shall have the same force and effect as a tax lien.
- Continuous GARNISHMENT may apply until your fine is paid.

18 U.S.C. §§ 3612, 3613

If you WILLFULLY refuse to pay your fine, you shall be subject to an ADDITIONAL FINE of not more than the greater of \$10,000 or twice the unpaid balance of the fine; or IMPRISONMENT for not more than 1 year or both. 18 U.S.C. § 3615

RESTITUTION

If you are convicted of an offense under Title 18, U.S.C., or under certain air piracy offenses, you may also be ordered to make restitution to any victim of the offense, in addition to, or in lieu of any other penalty authorized by law. 18 U.S.C. § 3663

APPEAL

If you appeal your conviction and the sentence to pay your fine is stayed pending appeal, the court shall require:

- That you deposit the entire fine amount (or the amount due under an installment schedule during the time of your appeal) in an escrow account with the U.S. District Court Clerk, or
- 2. Give bond for payment thereof.

18 U.S.C. § 3572(g)

PAYMENTS

If you are ordered to make payments to the U.S. District Court Clerk's Office, certified checks or money orders should be made <u>payable</u> to the Clerk, U.S. District Court and delivered to the appropriate division office listed below:

LOUISVILLE: Clerk, U.S. District Court

106 Gene Snyder U.S. Courthouse

601 West Broadway Louisville, KY 40202 502/625-3500

BOWLING GREEN: Clerk, U.S. District Court

120 Federal Building 241 East Main Street Bowling Green, KY 42101

270/393-2500

OWENSBORO: Clerk, U.S. District Court

126 Federal Building 423 Frederica

Owensboro, KY 42301

270/689-4400

PADUCAH: Clerk, U.S. District Court

127 Federal Building 501 Broadway Paducah, KY 42001 270/415-6400

If the court finds that you have the present ability to pay, an order may direct imprisonment until payment is made.